

MEMORY OF A PATRIOT

MONUMENT ERECTED IN ARLINGTON CEMETERY YESTERDAY.

Late Lieut. Harden's Former Comrades Pay Tribute to His Worth as a Soldier.

The granite monument erected at Arlington in the memory of the late First Lieutenant Richard J. Harden, Company A, 1st District of Columbia Infantry, United States Volunteers, war with Spain, was dedicated, with appropriate ceremonies, yesterday afternoon. The monument is five feet in height, four feet broad and three feet thick, and is rough hewn on three sides. The front is polished and bears the following inscription:

"Richard J. Harden, First Lieut. Co. A, First Regt. D. C. Vols. Died at Siboney, Cuba. 'I would rather go and die than remain at home and live.' January 29, 1898. August 9, 1898. Erected by Richard J. Harden's Command and Lillian Capron Auxiliary, D. C. War Veterans."

Assembly at the grave at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon were the members of Richard's Command and Capron Auxiliary, respectively: Company A, 4th Battalion, D. C. N. G. which entered the Company A, 1st D. C. Infantry, U. S. Volunteers, and of the 21 U. S. Cavalry and a number of other soldiers.

Gen. Harries' Remarks.

The first speaker was General George W. Harries, who remarked upon the physical condition of Lieutenant Harden for field service and how he insisted on going to the front, demanding not the privilege, but the right to fight for his country. According to the speaker, his bravery was unsurpassed, for when told that if he went to the front he would never return he smiled and said: "I don't want to come back."

"An unassuming, kindly, courageous man, had my sincerest respect always," said General Harries. "He was cheerful, brave, to his death, with a smile on his face, and no soldier could die better."

Lieutenant Harden was entirely patriotic, wholly unselfish and devoted to his duty. It was his constant cry that if he could serve his country he would die happy. He was a grander soldier ever lived than Harden," said the speaker, by Colonel M. E. Urell, the second speaker.

Captain Harry Walsh, who was Lieutenant Harden's company commander, recalled how eager the lieutenant had been to have one chance to fight in battle before going to the rear with sickness and his dejection at his home.

Major F. S. Hodgson eulogized Lieutenant Harden's fight against sickness, and his noble desire to strike a blow for his country before he died. Major Hodgson added: "In the heat of battle men have performed heroic deeds. The desire for honor has spurred them on. But none of us has spurred on as Lieutenant Richard Harden, who went to the front with no chance of returning, and won his tombstone as his medal of honor."

The Final Exercises.

Selections were rendered by the band, after which prayer was offered by Rev. Dr. Geo. F. Dudley, who was the chaplain of the 1st District Regiment. At the end of the ceremonies "taps" was sounded by the band.

The invocation was by Rev. Father Gaynor of St. Patrick's Church. Mrs. Lillian Capron, assisted by Mrs. Frederick Hodgson, unveiled the monument. The grave was covered with floral offerings.

SECOND LIEUTENANTS.

Arrangements for Examination of Civilian and Enlisted Candidates.

Arrangements have been completed at the War Department for the examination of civilians for appointment as second lieutenants in the army. The assignment of this year's graduates of the Military Academy to stations and regiments has left 200 vacancies in the grade of second lieutenants in the army. This board will be filled by the promotion of competent enlisted men so far as practicable and those remaining by appointment from civil life.

It is calculated at the War Department that about sixty of the men now in the ranks will pass the examination for promotion, thus leaving about seventy candidates to be filled by appointment from civil life. The examination for both classes of applicants will be held at 9 o'clock September 1 next. The enlisted men will all be examined at Fort Leavenworth.

Orders issued today provide that the examination of the civilian candidates shall be held by special boards appointed for the purpose at the following named military posts:

Presidio of San Francisco, Cal.; Vancouver barracks, Washington; Fort Leavenworth, Kans.; Fort Logan, Colo.; Fort Snelling, Minn.; Fort Sam Houston, Tex.; Jefferson barracks, Missouri; Fort Sheridan, Ill.; Fort Meade, Pa.; Fort Hancock, Va.; Columbus barracks, Ohio; Fort Columbia, N. Y., and at San Juan, Porto Rico.

Seventy-seven young men have been designated by the Secretary of War to take these examinations, and their success or failure will be determined by a supervisory board of officers. The board has already prepared the questions used in all the examinations of candidates from civil life, and will examine the candidates at each post and the ratings of the candidates. This board is composed of the following named officers:

Col. Frank G. Smith, Artillery Corps; Major Louis A. LaGrange, surgeon; Major E. B. Fuller, 10th Cavalry; Capt. Frederick P. Reynolds, assistant surgeon; Capt. Charles C. Clark, 1st Cavalry; and Capt. Chas. W. Kutz, Corps of Engineers, recorder.

Change in Inspection Methods.

As a result of recent inspections of artillery posts on the Atlantic coast Colonel Randolph, chief of artillery, has determined on a change in the method of conducting official inspections. The present regulations provide for annual target fire with great guns, using full charge and semi-armour-piercing projectiles. The new order is expected to have the effect of greatly improving gunfire along the entire coast.

Hereafter the stations have received due notice when to expect the inspection board, and prepared by diligent drills to make a fine showing. Hereafter but one day's notice will be given to all posts in the fortification. The board will be expected to be at its arrival to witness the operations of the guns. Such an order, it is believed, will tend to an improvement in the handling of the guns and secure better trained men.

German Attache Recalled.

Lieut. Commander von Reuber-Paschwitz, naval and military attache at the German embassy here, has been recalled home for assignment to duty in command of a German warship. He took leave of the United States officials yesterday.

Struck by a Train.

William Kidd, twenty-five years old, em-

played by the Pennsylvania railroad, was struck by a train on 2d and K streets southeast Saturday night and was injured about his head. Friends took him to Providence Hospital, where surgical aid was rendered, and he was afterward taken to his home, 730 9th street southeast.

Sudden Death

William Carter, colored, fifty-eight years old, whose home was in O street east, died suddenly about 9 o'clock this morning while working on a pipe near Brentwood and Florida near the city market. He was breaking a stone when he suddenly fell forward. Other workmen went to his assistance, thinking he had been overcome by the heat. They were surprised to find that life was extinct.

The body was mortified and the body was removed to the morgue. It was declared that death resulted from natural causes, and the coroner will give a certificate with a view to burial.